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FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING-DECEMBER 22, 2008

On December 22, 2008, my staff attended the regular Board meeting of the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority. A copy of the December 22, 2008, agenda and adopted minutes of the November 24, 2008, regular Board meeting are attached. The following items were discussed at the meeting, which are of interest to the County of Los Angeles.

Agenda Item VI – The Chief Executive Officer reported that the Baldwin Avenue, the Nogales Street (South), and the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation projects have been nominated for consideration to receive funding under the Federal Economic Stimulus Program.

Agenda Item VIII – The Board approved staff's recommendation to approve a Project Definition Report for the Nogales Street (South) Grade Separation project in the City of Industry and unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles. This approval is in conformance with ACE project management procedures, which call for the Board to approve individual construction projects at certain important milestones.

Agenda Item IX – The Board approved staff's recommendation to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with DMJM+Harris, Inc. to add \$79,000 for the preparation of a traffic study for the Nogales Street (South) Grade Separation project, for a new contract value of \$3,089,045. Due to the heavy traffic volumes within the vicinity of the project, a traffic study is needed to evaluate the traffic impacts during construction and identify viable mitigation measures.

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Agenda Item X – The Board approved staff's recommendation to increase the Chief Executive Officer's change order authorization by \$2,463,024 for the East End Avenue Grade Separation project, for a new total contract authorization of \$36,866,484 to accommodate change orders compensating the general contractor and subcontractors for cost escalations, changes, and delays.

Agenda Item XI – The Board approved staff's recommendation to amend the Fiscal Year 2009 Task Order with Terry A. Hayes Associates to provide additional services necessary for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment and a Section 106 historical preservation analysis for the San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation project in the amount of \$252,000, for a new total Task Order amount of \$500,981.

Agenda Item XII – The Board approved staff's recommendation to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Project Baseline Agreement with the State of California, through its Department of Transportation, which provides for the receipt of \$25.6 million in Proposition 1B Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account funds for the Nogales Street (South) Grade Separation project.

The next Board meeting will be held on January 26, 2009, at 2 p.m., at the Irwindale City Hall Chambers.

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cc: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, December 22, 2008 – 2:00 P.M.

Irwindale City Hall

5050 Irwindale Avenue

Irwindale, CA 91706

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three-minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of the discussion.

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| I. | Roll Call and Introductions | |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance | |
| III. | Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 24, 2008 (Pages 1-3) | Action |
| IV. | Public Comment | |
| V. | Chairman's Remarks | Information |
| VI. | Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 4-5) | Information |
| VII. | Approval of the ACE Project Finance Working Group (Page 6) | Action |
| VIII. | Approval of the Nogales Street Grade Separation Project Definition Report (Pages 7-10) | Action |
| IX. | Approval of Amendment to Design Contract for Nogales Street Grade Separation for Traffic Study with DMJM+Harris, Inc. (Pages 11-12) | Action |
| X. | Approval of Increased Authorization for the East End/Reservoir Grade Separation Construction Contract (Pages 13-14) | Action |
| XI. | Approval of a Task Order Amendment for Environmental Services for the San Gabriel Trench with Terry A Hayes & Associates (Pages 15-16) | Action |

The ACE Construction Authority is constituted of seven (7) member jurisdiction; the Cities of El Monte, Industry, Montebello, San Gabriel and Pomona, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex-officio Board member. Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes. All disclosable public records related to this meeting are available for viewing at the ACE office above during normal working hours.

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| XII. | Approval to Execute Highway – Railroad Crossing Safety Account Agreement (Pages 17-21) | Action |
| XIII. | Approval of 2009 Meeting Dates (Page 22) | Action |
| XIV. | Fiscal Year 2008 Audited Financial Statements | Information |
| XV. | Adjournment | Action |



**ACE Construction Authority
Board Meeting
November 24, 2008**

Vice Chairman Spohn called the meeting to order at 2:10PM in the Irwindale City Council Chambers.

1. In attendance were:

Tim Spohn, Vice Chairman
Ernest Gutierrez, El Monte
Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel
Dave Spence, SGVCOG
Paul Eaton, Montclair

Staff

Rick Richmond, Chief Executive Officer
Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel
Deanna Stanley
Cynthia Ambrose
Paul Hubler

Guests

Karalee Etheridge, Congressman Gary Miller
Bruce Russell, Jacobs Engineering
Donna Lee, Southern California Edison

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Gutierrez led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2008.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of October 27, 2008.
M/S/C: Gutierrez/Spohn/Unanimous

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Chairman's Remarks

Vice Chairman Spohn reported that Chairman George Hunter was unsuccessful in his election for Mayor and therefore would be leaving the ACE Board next month. George Hunter has been a member of the ACE Board since 2005, served as Vice Chairman in January 2006 and elected Chairman in January 2008.

He reported that since the last meeting the voters have approved Measure R which would provide \$400 million to the ACE Project.

6. Chief Executive Officer Report

Mr. Richmond indicated there were meetings held for both the San Gabriel Trench and the Nogales Street projects, both very well attended. Staff held a community scoping meeting for the San Gabriel Trench project inviting interested parties to submit items they wished addressed. The Nogales meeting was attended by affected businesses with concerns of the proposed detour onto Otterbein.

Mr. Richmond reviewed photos of the completed Brea Canyon Road grade separation. Ms. Victoria Butler reviewed photos of Sunset Avenue grade separation construction.

7. Approval of Design Amendment for HNTB for the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation Project

Mr. Richmond advised the Board that HNTB is the designer for the project and as such must be available during construction to review changes to maintain the integrity of the design as changes are made. The two-mile Sunset project has required unusually high modifications of utilities, some not included on the plans. In addition due to such and other factors, the project is behind schedule approximately eleven months but staff is hopeful time can be made up during the construction of the retaining walls.

A motion was made to amend the contract with HNTB Corporation to add \$312,000 for design revisions and support during construction of the Sunset Avenue grade separation, for a new contract value of \$5,315,787.

M/S/C/Gutierrez/Baldwin/Unanimous

8. Approval of Financial Oversight Process

Mr. Richmond reviewed the three options for financial oversight of the Project which were: (1) maintain the current process quarterly reporting to both ACE and the COG Boards; or (2) establish a Finance Committee of ACE Board members; or (3) establish a committee comprised of ACE member City Managers. He indicated the COG was restructuring the responsibilities of the City Managers Steering Committee to include oversight of the COG and ACE finances and the actions of the ACE Board would not have any effect on the COG's actions. The Board discussed the matter at length.

After discussion a motion was made by member Baldwin to create a Finance Committee comprised of City Managers not serving on the COG Steering Committee and at a minimum of two ACE Board members. Member Gutierrez added to the motion that the Board would review the usefulness of the Committee after six months.

M/S/C:Baldwin/Gutierrez/Unanimous

9. Measure R Funding for the ACE Project

Mr. Richmond reported that ACE Phase II was included in Measure R for \$400 million. The ACE Project was included in a highway capital sub-fund with 16 other projects with a total allocation of \$7.88 billion over 30 years. He indicated administrative guidelines are to begin in January and collection of funds to start July 1, 2009. He indicated as of now, this was the only guaranteed source to match San Gabriel Trench funding from the State.

10. Approval of Phase II Update Study

Mr. Richmond reminded the Board that the original ACE program was developed from a study prepared by Korve Engineering 10 years ago and with the completion of most of Phase I projects and Measure R funding available it was timely to re-evaluate crossings identified for Phase II. He indicated the scope of work would include arterial traffic forecasts, recalculating vehicle hours of delay, concept designs and rough estimates for 11 adopted or alternate projects and to assess transportation system impacts. Discussion ensued regarding various crossings. Mr. Richmond indicated it would take approximately 6-9 months once started and cost approximately \$500,000 but he would take aggressive efforts to keep costs down.

A motion was made to authorize staff to solicit proposals for an updated study of Phase II grade separation locations, and potential alternatives/additions to be used to develop Phase II priorities beyond those already established.

M/S/C/Baldwin/Gutierrez/Unanimous

11. Fiscal Year 2008 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Richmond indicated the audited financial statements were not available.

12. Adjournment. The Board adjourned at 3:35PM.